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SUBJ: SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) LEADER CARRILLO

PAID VISIT TO ROME.

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1. SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) LEADER CARRILLO PAID MID-DECEMBER VISIT TO ROME TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATIONS OF 80TH BIRTHDAY OF PCE NOTABLE DOLORES IBAURURI (LA PASSIONARIA) ORGANIZED BY THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI). CARRILLO DELIVERED ONE OF THE PRINCIPLE ADDRESSES TO THE ESTIMATED 15-20 THOUSAND ASSEMBLED SPECTATORS AT THE ROME BIRTHDAY RALLY HELD DECEMBER 14.

2. DURING HIS SPEECH CARRILLO STRESSED THAT FRANCHISM COULD NOT BE DECLARED DEAD UNTIL LA PASSIONARIA CAN RETURN TO SPAIN AND SPEAK AS FREELY THERE AS IN ITALY. HE DESCRIBED THE INITIAL GOVERNING MOVES OF KING JUAN CARLOS AS DISAPPOINTING STATING THAT THERE COULD BE NO TALK OF A PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION UNTIL THE REGIME PROCLAIMED A GENERAL POLITICAL AMNESTY, REPEALED THE ANTI-TERRORIST DECREES ISSUED IN AUGUST, AND LEGALIZED TRADE UNION AND POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITIES "WITHOUT EXCEPTION." HE ALSO CALLED FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF BOTH THE PRESENT

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SPANISH PARLIAMENT AND THE FALANGIST NATIONAL COUNCIL.

3. PCI LEADER BERLINGUER ALSO SPOKE AT THE CELEBRATIONS. OTHER ITALIAN AND FOREIGN POLITICAL LEADERS PRESENT ON THE DIAS WERE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY PRESIDENT PIETRO NENNI, PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY MARION SOARES, SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIAL BIDAŁ BENEYTO, SPANISH CATHOLIC PARTY OFFICIAL CARLOS SERERE, PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY REPRESENTATIVE JOAQUIN PIRES KORGE AND SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LEONID KULICENKO.

4. PREVIOUS DAY CARRILLO ATTENDED A CEREMONY AT ROME CITY HALL PRESIDED OVER BY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) MAYOR CLELIO DARIDA IN WHICH LA PASSIONARIA WAS FORMALLY WELCOMED TO THE CITY. PRESENT AT THAT CEREMONY, AMONG OTHERS, WERE NENNI, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADER AND EX-PRESIDENT OF ITALY GIUSEPPE SARAGAT, PCI SECRETARY BERLINGUER, ITALIAN REPUBLICAN PARTY REPRESENTATIVE OSCAR MAMMI, AND DC DEPUTY GIUSEPPE PISANU REPRESENTING PARTY SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI. CARRILLO ALSO MET WITH PCI PRESIDENT LUIGI LONGO.VOLPE

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